

Specification

The specification has been objected to in the Final Office Action for the various reasons given as beginning on page 4.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner has acknowledged that the disclosure with respect to how the NOR and the NAND gates may be driven by specific voltage levels in Fig. 3 is understandable and that this aspect of the objection is thus presumably withdrawn.

The Examiner has however noted in the Advisory Action that the objection with respect to item (e) on page 4 of the Final Office Action has been maintained. This objection to the specification is traversed for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that the method of connecting the data line to the sense amplifier when the first bit line is connected to the first sense amplifier as featured in claim 1, should be clear in view of the previous comments.

Regarding claim 2, although not necessarily limited thereto, signal YBSELb in Fig. 7 may be interpreted as the common signal of claim 2. As described in the sentence bridging pages 10 and 11 of the original specification, when block selecting signal YBSELb[k] changes from the "H" level to the "L" level, the column selecting signal Y[i] changes to the "H" level and the signal TGR is changed to the "L" level. As may be readily understood in view of Fig. 6, column selecting signal Y and signal TGR respectively control switches 222, 223, and transfer gate 608 comprising switches 225

and 226.

Regarding the Examiner's comments with respect to claims 7-9, 13, 17 and 18, the features of these claims should be clear in view of the previous discussion.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the objection to the disclosure should be withdrawn for at least the above reasons.

Advisory Action

In the Advisory Action dated August 4, 2006, the Examiner has asserted that the rejection of claim 1-18 as being not readable on the drawings of the present invention under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has not been overcome. However, the Final Office Action dated February 22, 2006 does not include a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify this point on the record.**

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding objections, and to pass the present application to issue, for at least the above reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720

in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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